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Homecoming happiness

Deasy Elementary students and parents enjoyed everything offered at Glen Cove High's Homecoming last Saturday, including the cotton candy. More photos, Page 10.

Glen Cove ranked in top places to live

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Glen Cove is a small city, but gaining national attention as a city that provides a variety of amenities. Glen Cove has been recognized by money.com as one of the best 50 places to live in the United States.

It currently stands as 37 on the list and is New York's sole representative on the personal finance website's annual ranking. Atlanta, GA took Money's top spot, followed by Tempe, Arizona, at No. 2, and Kirkland, Washington, at No. 3. Several New Jersey locations earned placement on the list as well.

The publication has published the annual 50 best places list for the last 35 years. The website creates its list by gathering about 350 data points across nine categories. Data was collected from several sources including the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the U.S. Census Bureau, the Cen-

ters for Disease Control and Prevention and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

The rankings take into consideration the cost of living, diversity, economic opportunity, and education. A strong emphasis is placed on categories including health and safety, quality of life and amenities.

Glen Cove has a lot to offer, and it's great to see our small city being recognized on a national level.

PATRICIA HOLMAN
executive director, BID

"We have every socio-economic person, and just about every ethnic group," Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck said. "It's a wonderful place to grow up and to

raise a family." She added that the ranking shows what she always knew about the city.

With a population of 27,600, the city has a median household income of \$93,000 and a median home price of \$623,617, according to the finance website. The most recent numbers showed Glen Cove had an unemployment rate of 3.2 percent, compared to the national rate of 3.5

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New monument for Black American patriot Ralph Young

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The mood on Oct. 15 was somber when 70 veterans, city officials and others gathered to remember a young Glen Cove who made the ultimate sacrifice for his country. Sgt. Ralph W. Young, an American patriot who grew up in Glen Cove's the Orchard, was 23 years old when he died.

It was Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck who lifted a black cloth off the new monument at the Glen Cove First Presbyterian Church to officially honor one of the city's own.

Born in 1922, Young was an accomplished student and a notable basketball player, often seen carrying

books in one arm and a gym bag in the other. After graduating from Glen Cove High School, he attended Lincoln University, the first historically Black degree-granting university in the United States. He went on to attend law school on a full scholarship. But after three years in college, he felt the pull of civic duty and enlisted in the U.S. Army as an infantryman, later transferring to the Army Air Corps.

He was assigned to India to transport needed supplies over the Himalayas. On the Japanese Pacific front, he flew more than 50 missions aboard C-54 cargo planes.

On April 11, 1945, while he was on a mission flying over the Himalayas, treacherous weather caused

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School bond of \$29 million up for a vote on Dec. 6

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Three hours before the Glen Cove City School District Board of Education meeting on Oct. 12 a student on the junior varsity football team was injured, resulting in a dislocated knee. There wasn't a trainer present during the school's football game at the middle school.

"The kid was on the ground for quite a while in pain," Aiden Costella, a Glen Cove senior, said. "No one was there to help."

This is just one of the many issues residents are complaining about in the district. Glen Cove High School is in desperate need of repairs for its aging infrastructure and needs additional resources for student development and safety.

During the Board of Education meeting Dr. Maria Rianna, the district's superintendent, proposed a bond of roughly \$29 million basing it on facilities and programmatic needs. Districtwide, the financial needs come to \$ 1,316,875. All bond projects will total to \$30,552,62.

Residents will have the opportunity to vote on the bond on Dec. 6. It's less than the last bond, which was defeated, because of the federal stimulus monies that the district received, which allowed the district to take out the additions it had needed at Landing and Deasy schools, which will start this coming start this

summer. Maria Elena Venuto, school board president, said the Covid-19 funds were a silver lining as those funds helped to reduce the amount of the proposed bond.

The bond, if approved, would fund the most extensive infrastructure improvements in decades, including at some facilities that date from the early 1900s. The district, which serves about 3,800 students in kindergarten through 12th grade, has four elementary schools, a middle school and a high school.

Rianna said a review of building infrastructure happened with architects and engineers who conducted structural analysis of every single building within the district to finalize the scope of upgrades.

Although the 2022 budget of \$101,942,671 passed with 751 yes votes this past May, the budget's focus will be on academics, and will also fund the enhancement of the school system's ELA programs. It will also help implement the Seal of Civic Readiness, a new diploma endorsement to show that graduating high schoolers are proficient in civic competencies.

School officials said the needs go

beyond simple maintenance and repairs. Photos during the board meeting indicated that various areas of the campus need immediate attention. The proposed projects include repairs to science rooms, cafeteria and kitchen, corridor and door hardware replacement, exterior door replacement, reconstruction of toilets to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, courtyard curtain wall replacement, HVAC reconstruction, corridor locker replacement, replacement of the district's tennis and basketball courts, the tennis parking lot, and curb and walkway replacement.

Parents like Peter LaRocca, the booster club president, said that the district is past due for upgrades to facilities and repairs to the athletic fields. "The impression that I always leave with is that we can just do so much better as a community," he said.

LaRocca doesn't believe his children will see the culmination of the repairs. "We're trying tirelessly to make better experiences for our kids, and there's no better look than a kid who walks away with a new uniform on or sees their facility and is proud of it and doesn't have to hang their head in shame," he said.

Other Long Island school districts have held bond votes for wide-ranging upgrades. In May 2019, voters in the Westbury district approved a referendum of more than \$58.5 million to fund the expansion of the middle school and high school. In March of 2019, Uniondale voters passed a \$158 million bond referendum for improvements and upgrades to fund new classrooms, infrastructure and technology upgrades.

The work will take three years to complete. The finance plan is dictated by construction cash flow needs. Projects will be financed over a 15-year period to align with start aid reimbursement.

Residents can expect the tax impact to be phased in over a 2 to 3 year period. Based on the finance plan, the monthly tax rate impact will be approximately \$.025 per \$1,000 of a home's assessed value, which can be found on residents' tax bills. For a house assessed at \$600,000, for example, the average tax increase would be roughly \$15 per month.

If the bond is approved, the projected timeline will take into consideration concerns such as supply chain issues and availability of materials. Phase one of construction would begin in the winter and spring of 2023 and will continue through summer months and evenings. Anticipated construction will begin during the summer of 2023 and conclude on Sept. 1, 2025.

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PETER LARocca
booster club president



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STATE ASSEMBLYMAN CHUCK Lavine, second from right, joined representatives of Long Island Cares, Ukrainian Americans of Long Island and Hope for Ukraine to send the aid shipments to Lviv.

Lavine ships 10,000 pounds of aid to people of Ukraine

By **WILL SHEELINE**

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As the Russian war on Ukraine grinds into its eighth month, many people have already begun to put the ongoing crisis into the back of their minds. For some Long Islanders like Assemblyman Chuck Lavine of District 13 however, the efforts of the Ukrainian people to defend their families, country and liberty have not gone unnoticed.

Lavine helped send off a shipment of 10,000 pounds of humanitarian aid goods Sept. 30 which will go to aid Ukraine and its people in their struggle for freedom.

The war in Ukraine has been the largest European conflict since World War II, and the effects on the people of the region, their homes, livelihoods and standard of life has been catastrophic.

Though the country has scored several key victories over their Russian foes, such as their ongoing counterattack against Russian-occupied territories in the southeast and the destruction of the Crimean Bridge, the cost to Ukraine and its people has been enormous, with between 6,000 to 14,000 civilian casualties in the last eight months amid numerous allegations of Russian war crimes.

“You can see that the range of criminal actions of (Russia) is very wide — missile terror, mass murders, criminal deportations, radiation blackmail at, for example, our captured Zaporizhzhia nuclear power

plant, food crisis, energy crisis, etc.,” Ukraine’s president Volodymyr Zelensky said in an Oct. 6 speech to the Lowy Institute in Australia. “At the level of cooperation with Ukraine, regular and demonstrative support packages are needed, primarily defensive and financial, so that the aggressor sees that his criminal actions only complicate the situation for him.”

Aid and support packages such as Zelensky described were frequently being shipped in the first few weeks and months of the war. As the incursion has dragged on, such shipments have become less frequent as people’s attention has been drawn to other crises. For Lavine however, supporting the efforts of the Ukrainian people has been a top priority.

According to Lavine, within hours of the beginning of the Russian invasion, he and members of his office began reaching out to local humanitarian groups to see what could be done to help the Ukrainian people. The assemblyman began raising aid from charitable residents of Long Island, asking for essentials such as clothing, personal care items and household supplies. He is continuously blown away by the scale of the generosity his fellow Americans have shown on behalf of the Ukrainian people.

“People often ask, ‘How do I make a difference? Can I make a difference?’” Lavine said. “Americans of good faith want to make a difference here for the better, and those are the people who contributed to this drive. Those are the people who contributed



FIVE TONS OF aid supplies, including clothing, personal care items and household goods like toilet paper and toothbrushes, have been sent to the people of Ukraine, thanks to the efforts of Lavine’s office.

items to our office which are now en route to help the people of Ukraine.”

The supply drive by Lavine and his office has lasted roughly seven months, gathering 10,000 pounds of various supplies, which have been kept in a storage facility operated by the food bank Long Island Cares. After the 20 pallets of goods were loaded in trucks, they were sent to Newark, New Jersey, from which they will make their way to the Ukrainian city of Lviv and be distributed to Ukrainians in need by the charity organization Hope for Ukraine.

The assemblyman and his team also worked closely with groups like the Ukrainian Americans of Long Island, a Great Neck-based association of Ukrainians and

Ukrainian Americans who are working to provide aid to their motherland and raise awareness about the conflict.

Volodymyr Tsyalkovsky, who founded the group back in 2019, explained the impact the supplies will make on the embattled citizens of Ukraine.

“It was a big undertaking which took a lot of energy and a lot of help from all the people involved, who are donating, who are organizing these drives and the volunteers who helped every step of the process,” Tsyalkovsky said. “It will be put to good use and hopefully lower the suffering of the Ukrainian people, who are in a really stressed position at the moment.”

Hundreds of tax assessment errors found

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For many families in Nassau County struggling to pay the bills as inflation has pushed prices for food, gas and other necessities to all-time highs, for many, a tax increase could be the final blow. Members of the County Legislature's minority caucus gathered on Wednesday to unveil errors in the county's tax assessment system, which, due to human error, overcharged 842 residents for school taxes, and one homeowner's bill soared by 62 percent.

According to the caucus, hundreds of worried homeowners have contacted legislators this month after discovering that they had been charged significantly more than they expected based on previous years and their properties' values.

"Unfortunately, what we discovered — and not by the leadership of the administration, but . . . from our constituents, from people in the community — (is) that people have lost their exemptions," Legislator Kevan M. Abrahams, who leads the minority caucus, asserted at the news conference. "The unfortunate thing is that neither the county executive nor anyone in assessment ever said anything to anyone."

Abrahams was referring to tax exemptions granted by the Taxpayer Protection Program, created by former County Executive Laura Curran in 2021, which over a five-year period gives property owners exemptions on increases in the value of their property. State Sen. John Brooks, of Seaford, said that the assessment errors can actually be traced back to former County Executive Edward Mangano's administration.

"The inaccuracies of the assessed values has an incredible impact on everyone," Brooks said. "The problem that we're dealing with today really goes back to the kick-the-can-down-the-road approach that the Mangano administration applied to taxes."

Scott Diamond, a resident of Levittown, said that he noticed an error in his Taxpayer Protection Program exemption that resulted in an increase of nearly 17 percent in his school tax bill, when he should have had a 40 percent exemption. So he began reaching



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MEMBERS OF THE County Legislature's minority caucus held a news conference to address hundreds of errors in the county's school tax assessment bills. Levittown resident Scott Diamond is at far left.

out to members of his Facebook group, Nassau Grieve Your Tax Assessment, which helps homeowners file grievances and provides other useful links and information. Diamond and others soon realized the scale of the mistake.

"I went on the county website on Oct. 3, and like many owners I was looking to see exactly what my school tax bill was going to be, and I was surprised that it went up more than 10 percent," Diamond said at the news conference. "I'm a senior, I'm on a fixed income, and this represented an \$1,800 swing in my tax bill."

The legislators expressed outrage and disappointment that homeowners who already have so many expenses will now also be concerned about whether they will overpay their taxes. The county Department of Assessment has sent revised bills to the affected families, and acting County Assessor Matthew Cronin released a statement later on Wednesday in which he said that the issue had been addressed, and that it was the department that had discovered the errors.

"Upon careful review of the method-

ologies and formulas that were used for the (Taxpayer Protection Program)," Cronin's statement read, "the Department of Assessment discovered a human error had occurred when a manual calculation was applied to some properties for the 2022-23 year. The

Department of Assessment addressed the issue, and the correct TPP calculation has now been applied on the new updated 2022-2023 tax bill."

Democratic legislators representing the North Shore expressed their concern that such a important issue had not immediately been addressed by the county government and the assessor's office, particularly because the list of those affected by the

error may be longer than the 842 people who have discovered it.

Legislator Josh Lafazan, of Woodbury, who was unable to attend the press conference, said he was worried about the effect the mistakes might have on residents' faith in local government.

"What I'm feeling is, number one, this is unacceptable, and number two, errors like these erode people's trust in govern-

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JOSH LAFAZAN
county legislator

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City of Glen Cove honors late Sgt. Ralph Young

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his aircraft to crash into the mountains. There were no survivors. Young left behind his parents and sister.

“It’s important for any family members who lost someone that they be recognized for their sacrifice.” Said Craig Osborne, Young’s cousin. “I thought it was just a simple plaque unveiling. I didn’t know it was going to be such a big event.”

Along with the City of Glen Cove and the Glen Cove Rotary, Panzenbeck said she was proud and honored to unveil the monument to memorialize Young.

Before the monument, Young had been honored in town by having a street named for him — Ralph Young Avenue, as well as the Young-Simmons American Legion Post 1765, which is also co-named for him.

David Hubbard, commander of the Young-Simmons post, said the post was founded in the late 1940s for Black veterans and carried Young’s name from the beginning. It now serves all veterans.

“It’s beautiful, and long overdue,” said Howard Stillwagon, who served in Vietnam from 1968 to 1970 in the First Cavalry Division infantry. “This should have been here a long time ago with all the other honorees

in the city.”

The ceremony represented an aspect of inclusion. Many of the attendees spoke of the monument in the historical context of segregation. Before 1964, Black Americans who fought in wars come back home to a segregated society.

Now he’s out of the shadows, and he’s among his peers here.

TONY JIMENEZ
director, Glen Cove Veterans Affairs

“It’s very, very important to have Ralph Young included here in Monument Park with all the other monuments,” William Richardson, of Glen Cove, said. “He certainly was worthy of that.”

Originally, the Young-Simmons American Legion donated a plaque that was on the ground in front of the Glen Cove Police headquarters.

In 2018, Panzenbeck looked through the overgrowth in front of the police station and caught the attention of police who came out to ask her what she was doing.

“I had no idea that Ralph Young had a monument that was in front of the Police Department, which had previously been City Hall,” Panzenbeck said.

As a councilwoman in 2018, Panzenbeck asked that it be moved to Monument Park, to later be restored and made part of a larger tribute.

“It was kind of a disgrace to where we



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MIKE NAPOLI, JACKI Yonick and Glen Cove Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck unveiled a monument paying tribute to Sgt. Ralph W. Young, a Glen Cove resident who died in April 1945, while serving in World War II.

had to honor him,” said Tony Jimenez, director of the city’s Veterans Affairs office and a member of Young-Simmons American Legion Post 1765. “Now he’s out of the shadows, and he’s among his peers here.”

Panzenbeck said the monument dedication was long overdue and fitting, as this year Young would have turned 100 years old. The monument is the third in the park to honor an individual veteran and the first

to honor a Black veteran. It is now the centerpiece of the monument, which private donations, primarily from the Glen Cove Rotary Club, paid for, Panzenbeck said.

“I’m just really thrilled that Monument Park and Glen Cove finally represents the diversity of our city,” Councilwoman Marsha Silverman, said. “Now we’re righting the wrong. He’s with everybody else who served and paid the ultimate price.”

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Zimmerman ready to lead, listen in Congress

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Robert Zimmerman wouldn't see himself as someone wanting to be a career politician, but instead as someone wanting to spend a lifetime serving.

His quest to represent his longtime home in some shape or form isn't new. The 68-year-old first ran for Congress in 1982 back when Tip O'Neill was Speaker and the gap between Democrats and Republicans was more than 100. Today, that gap is just eight with the GOP eyeing a takeover.

Zimmerman — the co-founder of ZE Creative Communications in Great Neck — says he's ready, even if, as a Democrat, he finds himself in the minority. For him, the stakes are just too high right now not to stand up.

"I really do believe that this is, perhaps, the most important midterm election since the Civil War," Zimmerman recently told reporters in a Herald Roundtable event. "Everything that I believe in — and the values and principles that brought me into political life — are very much on the line in this election."

His biggest fear, in fact, isn't someone with different ideals than his own representing this part of Long Island in Washington. Instead, Zimmerman worries that some of the unsubstantiated claims coming from the more extreme parts of the Republican Party will somehow become legitimized — what Zimmerman has deemed a threat to democracy itself.

Even more, Zimmerman is very concerned that all the strides society has made over the past decade could be swept away, just as federal abortion rights were erased by the U.S. Supreme Court, that could affect millions of Americans — including Zimmerman himself.

"Growing up in the suburbs in the '70s was a very isolating time to be a gay kid," Zimmerman said. "It was a very closeted time. But political activism, it gave me a voice. It helped me connect with people who felt unseen and unheard, and felt were not part of the process."

No matter who wins the most votes in November, U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi will be succeeded by an openly gay congressman. It's believed to be the first time in history that both the Democrats and the Republicans are represented by gay men in a Congressional race. Yet, as important as it is to protect the rights the LGBTQ community has built over the years, Zimmerman also doesn't want this race to be seen as over-focused on just this one issue.

"I never dreamed we'd have a member of the LGBTQ+ community representing Long Island and Queens," Zimmerman said. "It just wasn't on the radar. I mean, for people who are younger, it's not a big deal — and shouldn't be. But I think what is significant is not that George (Santos) and I are gay, it's who's going to stand up and speak out and advocate on the issues. That's what really counts."

And if it is in a House controlled by Republicans, that would mean a focus on coalition building. Not just with more mainstream Republicans who back the more traditional conservative line, but also some more in-line with the party for-



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ROBERT ZIMMERMAN IS making his fourth attempt for public office in the last 40 years, representing the Democratic Party in an effort to keep U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi's seat in the hands of his party. Zimmerman is co-founder of ZE Creative Communications, a public relations firm based in Great Neck.

Robert Zimmerman on the issues

Robert Zimmerman faces Republican George Santos in November to see who will succeed Tom Suozzi in the 3rd Congressional District.

Among the positions she shared with Herald Community Newspapers reporters:

Protecting rights challenged by U.S. Supreme Court

"You're seeing an extremist Supreme Court being supported by extremists — Republican extremists in Congress, engaging in an assault on our privacy and our rights. That's unprecedented. It means building a Democratic majority in the House, and a Democratic majority in the Senate. It also means in our state and legislative elections, making sure — around the country — we elect state legislators, because state legislatures are taking action on putting extremist bills in. Then it goes through the court system, hoping the Supreme Court will be their supporter."

States shipping immigrants north

"It doesn't sound legal to me, frankly. But the bigger point is, it's indecent. And it's wrong to take infants — some of them a month old, three months old — put them on a bus, not notify the localities you're sending them to, and

just dumping them there. These are human beings who've been through incredible trials and persecution. What the governors are doing here is using these people as political pawns. And that's reprehensible."

Concern some Democrats oppose Israel

"There will not be a stronger voice in Congress on behalf of the state of Israel, on behalf of standing up against antisemitism, than me. I'm not saying that because I'm a candidate. Not saying that because it's campaign season. I'm saying it because that's how I've lived my life. Combatting anti-Israel, antisemitism, anti-Israel feelings, is not a partisan issue. And let's not let politicians make it a partisan game."

Addressing affordability issues

"That, to me, is going to be a very defining issue in the new Congress — making sure that we increase domestic production. Making sure that the infrastructure is working. Lowering the cost of prescription drugs, as was recently done with the new Deficit Reduction Act. And preparing our country for a new economy based upon renewables, and investing in clean energy union jobs."

mer president Donald Trump built — considered fringe, but still formidable.

"You have to be civil and respectful," Zimmerman said. "Even with people you're going to disagree with strongly — even with people who don't actually believe that I am entitled to have the same

freedoms they have. I have to work with members of Congress who aren't going to respect my freedoms as a gay man, and that's OK. I'll work to build a bridge there with them and get results."

Yet, all of that highlights even more how much has changed in society from

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the first time Zimmerman ran for Congress when he was just 27 compared to today, when he can count himself among the 54 million who are now senior citizens.

But Zimmerman can't deny that he, too, has changed. And while many aspects of the political arena may have retrogressed, Zimmerman would like to believe that he has involved — not just as a person, but also as someone who is ready to represent his neighbors at the federal level.

"If my views hadn't evolved or changed since I ran 40 years ago, there is something fundamentally wrong with me," Zimmerman said. "Perspective gives you insight. History gives you insight. I think that's sort of helps formulate my positions."

Zimmerman says he's still very passionate about reproductive freedom, and that it's an absolute for him to stand up and protect democracy. He's also a champion for the environment and slowing climate change.

In fact, much of Zimmerman's personal development comes not with where he stands — but how he stands.

"I've learned over 40 years ways to work with people, ways to engage people," he said. "I have grown a bit more strategic, certainly grown a bit more respectful. And you learn to listen better."

Listening is something Zimmerman may be tasked to do quite a bit if he makes it into Congress. But that's fine with him, because it's a key part to learning.

"I don't have all the answers," he said. "But I'm going to work darn hard to get the answers. And I find you need to bring people together to reach those conclusions." crats have taken in New York."

Santos seeks American dream for everyone

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By MICHAEL HINMAN

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Of the more than 600 members setting up shop in the U.S. House, just 40 or so are children of at least one immigrant parent. And then, most of them are typically Democrats.

George Santos doesn't plan to be a typical member of Congress if elected in November. In fact, he's not even a typical Republican. First-generation, born in Queens, and openly gay. Yet for Santos, this could be the perfect mix of ingredients to not only win over moderate voters, but also provide some much-needed representation to communities that many times are under-represented by both parties.

"That same American dream that my parents came in search of — that I live today — I see withering away for the next generation," Santos told reporters during a Herald Roundtable event. "That's due to bad leadership across the board. So, I want to stand up for us. I want to work to deliver a better, fairer country for the next generation through opportunity."

Santos has achieved his American dream through finance and investment, but felt that very dream threatened when he first started looking to start his career in lower Manhattan's famous Financial District.

"When I got a diploma, it was in the midst of a recession," Santos said. "And then Occupy Wall Street took place. I had a degree in finance, but there were no jobs available. Do you know how many doors I knocked on? How many resumes I had to put out there? I don't want that for the next generation."

Instead, Santos seeks what he describes as a "sound country," focused primarily on fiscal responsibility.

"Washington's broken," he said. "We're running our government on continuing resolutions every five years. It's embarrassing. It needs to stop."

In fact, it's those very issues Santos prefers to spend the most time on when he's out campaigning. But more often than not, media gets distracted not on what he stands for, but who he is.

Yes, Santos is a member of the LGBTQ community, and he says he's very much for the rights his community has obtained in recent years. But they aren't issues he believes needs to be dwelled on.

"I don't make this campaign about issues that I know are not at risk," Santos said. "I make this campaign based on issues that are at-hand for everybody in this room. Everybody's taking a 10 percent pay cut through inflation. Everybody's experiencing record high cost of energy. And everybody is experiencing the dangers and threats of crime. That's what's at stake. That's what's happening out there."

Although he doesn't believe his own marriage or his desire to adopt is threatened by a conservative U.S. Supreme Court, Santos does say that if he's wrong, he'll "fight like hell in Congress to make sure that doesn't happen — not only to me and my family, but to everyone's family."

If he wins, Santos would be the first



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GEORGE SANTOS BELIEVES too much focus is given to the culture wars of society while ignoring what's really impacting families in this part of the country — the economy. If elected to Congress, the Republican says he'll make inflation reduction a top priority.

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George Santos on the issues

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Among the positions she shared with Herald Community Newspapers reporters:

Reducing dependence on fossil fuel

"I believe in renewable energy, but I don't believe we can be radical and cut fossil fuel production right now. We're moving toward renewable energy. Meanwhile, we're going to OPEC. We're going to Venezuela, and every dictatorship and communist nation across the world who commit atrocities and human rights violations against their people, and ask them to produce for us."

Progressive social issues

"I'm done with the cultural wars nonsense. It's like I say this, and I mean it: the 'woke' is broke. It is not working. It is hurting us. We need to be sensible.

Republican to hold the seat since Peter King was redistricted in 2013. A victory, however, could make him the newest member of a GOP majority in a midterm dominated by the economy and the battle over reproductive rights.

The current Democratic majority is slim, and Republicans would only need to flip a handful of seats to get control.

No matter which way the political winds blow in November, Santos says him representing the district would mean building consensus.

"When there's gridlock in Washington,

We need to go back to basic ABCs and 123s in school. If you wake up, you go to work, if you just try hard and if you dedicate putting your energy toward something, you will achieve success."

Student loan forgiveness

"This bill would add almost a half-trillion dollars to the national debt. You might get that break right now — that instant relief — but you're going to pay the consequences in the long term by adding up to two percentage points of inflation. Makes life less, less, less affordable, right?"

Universal health care

"There's a problem for every hard-working union member who has paid dues and work very hard to obtain very good health care through very hard labor, that would diminish their participation in health care that would downgrade them. So I can't believe in an equal distribution of health care while I am hurting some and helping some."

the biggest losers are the American people," he said. "I have no interest to go and be part of the problem. I want to be part of the solution."

And the current officeholder — Tom Suozzi — might already have the right idea. The outgoing congressman has long championed a bipartisan congressional group known as the Problem Solvers Caucus. It's 58 House members — separated equally by political party — that formed in 2017 with the hopes of providing some political unity in what has been overall polarizing times.

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"I have no issue working with Democrats, so long as we're working on common sense solutions to give the people a better quality of life," Santos said. "To make sure that we're mitigating inflation to make sure we're delivering results.

"Life should be simpler, not more complicated. And Congress tends to make life more complicated when it works in a very ultra-partisan manner. That's just not what I'm for."

One of those issues that could — and should — get support from both sides of the aisle is inflation. Although the rate itself has slowed in recent months, with expectations by a number of financial experts it will stabilize over the next couple years, Santos believes the federal government isn't doing enough — or at least enough of the right thing — to curb it.

"We can start mitigating inflation if we re-engage in our own production of energy in this country within eight to 12 months," Santos said.

"That's a statistic proven by economists who served in the Biden administration, and who served on the Bush, Clinton, Trump — all of the administrations across the spectrum."

And, above all, government needs to make sure it's spending money soundly.

"Instead of making omnibus spending packages of trillions of dollars, we need to tackle bills head-on individually, fiscally responsible," Santos said. "Right now for the American people, by the time the money is spent, they're not done reading the bill. They don't even know where the money is going.

"So, in a time of economic chaos, we need a controlled environment to make sure that we're delivering responsible results for the people."

Annual benefit funds Tiegerman school programs

By **ROKSANA AMID**
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The Tiegerman School is holding its 19th Annual Chefs for Children Food & Wine tasting on Oct. 27, at Leonard's Palazzo in Great Neck. The location offers a middle-ground for the students in the New York City and Long Island schools to come and enjoy the festivities. The night will be filled with an abundance of top restaurants showcasing their best fare alongside wines, spirits, and microbrews.

Tiegerman is a school that many people haven't heard of and is often referred to as the best kept secret, because if people don't need their services, they've probably never heard of them.

The Tiegerman School opened its doors in 1985 to support the needs of children with language disorders. Now, 37 years later, the organization has grown substantially and serves more than 500 children ages 3-21 in four school locations, one of which is in Glen Cove. In 2012, Tiegerman Community Services was established expanding the agency's scope to assist 135 adults with developmental disabilities and autism spectrum disorders to lead them to productive and successful lives.

The school also runs the gamut from preschool to elementary, middle and high school. They also offer community services, which provides residential services, vocational services, and day rehabilita-



Courtesy Shari Prinstein

IN 2019, THE food and wine tasting event offered exciting prize baskets with the purchase of raffle tickets.

tion program. Currently, they have 700 families involved with their programs from both Long Island and the five boroughs. Their community service program offers resources such as group homes with a vocational program where people can get support finding employment, and a day rehabilitation program where people can go during the day if they can't work. The funds raised from the 19th

annual event will benefit those programs directly.

When Dr. Ellen Morris Tiegerman founded the school, it was initially called the school for language and communication development, but the name changed some years ago. Dr. Jeremy T. Tiegerman, the founder's son, now oversees the entirety of the school's programs.

Its instructors help students develop

intellectually and emotionally. For parents like Toya Davis, who also serves as the district's parent liaison, Tiegerman helped her advocate for her son, Jonathan, and his educational needs over 30 years ago. After testing his hearing at Adelphi University, where her son was attending preschool, she found out her son's hearing was fine. But he was language-delayed for a child that was almost three.

After the analysis, Davis met Tiegerman. From there, the school gave him educational tools that enabled him to attend Howard University.

"When I first started, Dr. Tiegerman always saw the parents as the primary teachers, so she taught us how to be teachers for our children," Davis said.

Tiegerman also works to increase public awareness of language disorders, because children who have them are often misdiagnosed and incorrectly placed in special-education classes and programs, according to Davis. In total, the school district provides a lifecycle of services including educational, community, vocational, community habilitation, respite and residential services for individuals and families on Long Island and in the five boroughs.

For more information about Chefs for Children Food & Wine Tasting contact Shari Prinstein, director of development, at sprinstein@tiegerman.org or (516) 609-6230 or visit Tiegerman.org.

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CHEERLEADERS PREPARED FOR a formation to cheer after the parade's conclusion.



DANIELLE FUGAZY-SCAGLIOLA CELEBRATED homecoming with her four children. She said she was happy to take any occasion to celebrate students within the community.

Homecoming, a day and 'Knight to Remember'

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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One of the best parts of the back-to-school season is prepping for the first big event of the year — homecoming. The Glen Cove City School District welcomed hundreds of fans, community members and alumni to enjoy the homecoming parade, carnival, and football game last Saturday.

Parents like Marian Iovino, whose children attend Deasy Elementary, said she was happy to see familiar faces. "We came here to celebrate our school, we're so

happy to be here," she said.

The homecoming parade, which began at Gribbin Elementary continued down Walnut Street concluding at the high school's track with students, who held banners marching with their respective schools' extracurricular club members as the marching band provided lively entertainment.

The carnival, which began shortly thereafter, offered rides, games and classic carnival food and beverages. There were also giant inflatables and face painting organized by the Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce

STUDENTS AT CONNOLLY

Elementary displayed their school spirit with a decorated banner celebrating the theme "A Knight to Remember."



GLEN COVE CHEERLEADERS were at the front of the homecoming parade. Later they served as a connection between the school's football team and fans.

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A noteworthy milestone

South Shore Symphony celebrates an expressive 40 years

By Karen Bloom

From their roots in the Five Towns back in 1983, the Rockville Centre-based South Shore Symphony has grown and flourished as a regional orchestra that commands attention. For much of that time — since 1991 — principal cellist Wayne Lipton, the orchestra's president, has been instrumental in guiding the many phases of its growth.

"We started to really blossom, added more musicians, when the Rockville Centre Guild for the Arts took us under their umbrella" in 1991, Lipton recalls. And he and his group have never looked back. The orchestra — which performed at South Side Middle School until its move to the then newly-opened Madison Theatre on the Molloy University campus in 2011 — soon become known for their fascinating, challenging repertoire.

"We put everything into it," Lipton says. "We attracted more musicians and a larger audience. Soon soloists were added into the mix of the all-volunteer orchestra. We kept adding new things."

That included collaborating with the local dance company, Leggz Ltd. Dance, performing outdoors each summer in Rockville Centre, and concerts at St. Agnes Cathedral.

The real turning point occurred with the construction of the Madison Theatre. "We were ecstatic to be offered a real home," Lipton enthuses.

The feeling is mutual.

"The Madison Theatre is proud to partner with the South Shore Symphony," says artistic director Angelo Fraboni. "We feature them in a variety of shows throughout the year. They're always consistently excellent."

This relationship has challenged and opened up new ventures for the orchestra. Its members now perform in opera and musical productions. Also Broadway-style revues, which include the University's CAP21 theatre arts students. And, of course, Leggz Ltd Dance's holiday confection "The Nutcracker," among their many versatile performances.

"We've had an opportunity to play with some amazing people," Lipton says, including Keith Emerson, Neil Sedaka and Jimmy Webb.

Collaboration with Fraboni has blossomed into highly-praised full productions of operatic standards such as "Carmen," "Marriage of Figaro," "La Bohème," "Tosca" and "Madame Butterfly." A sustained cooperation with musical director Michael Bower and the Cathedral of Saint Agnes has led to memorable performances of major choral works such as Mahler's Second and Third Symphonies, Beethoven's Choral Symphony and many others, as well as most of the major concertos for organ and orchestra.

Of special note is the orchestra's relationship with virtuoso violinist Ming Fen Hsin — the orchestra's music director in the '90s — who connected the South Shore Symphony with music director and

conductor Scott Jackson Wiley.

"Wiley is extraordinary,"

Lipton says. "He's done a wonderful job teaching us and moving us forward. His dedication and commitment to the highest musical standards has led us to deliver consistently powerful and moving performances of some of the greatest symphonic works. It takes a special person to commit to an orchestra for that span, and he's truly deserving of recognition."

As he will be on Nov. 12, when the orchestra celebrates their beloved conductor's 25th season with a special concert in his honor. Fen Hsin returns as featured soloist to perform Brahms Violin Concerto. The program also includes 'Brahms Variations on a Theme' by Haydn and Brahms Symphony No. 4.

"These are all pieces chosen by Scott as a statement of his classical background," Wiley says. "It's a strong classic repertoire. As an accessible Romantic composer with a big sound, Brahms is (a) tremendous showpiece for Ming. The Symphony is a tough one, a nice challenge for the orchestra, as is Variations on Hayden."

While the orchestra may have "South Shore" in its name, Lipton is quick to point out that this is a group of dedicated, highly skilled musicians representative of all of Long Island.

"It's a very special group," he says.

That "special group" has committed to a special season. One of "the most ambitious yet," according to Wiley.

"I hope everyone takes advantage of all that we've pulled together this season to entertain you."

Courtesy South Shore Symphony

Above photos: Whether playing the classical repertoire or joining Molloy's CAP21 theatre arts conservatory students and Broadway performers in a Salute to Broadway, most recently on Oct. 9.



- Saturday, Nov. 12, 7 p.m.
- Madison Theatre, Molloy University campus, 1000 Hempstead Ave., Rockville Centre
- For tickets, visit MadisonTheatreNY.org or call the box office at (516) 323-4444



Pink Talking Fish

The fusion supergroup has enthralled audience with their special blend of Pink Floyd, Talking Heads and Phish since their inception some 10 years ago. What began as a lark for the four jam band musicians has turned into something much more. The band — with Eric Gould on bass, Richard James on keyboards, Zack Burwick on drums, and Cal Kehoe on guitar — has garnered a major following for their inventive combination of tunes from the namesake bands that inspired PTF. Although the music from each act is different, PTF has discovered that fusing the material together creates what the band describes as an 'amazing story.'

Friday, Oct. 21, 8 p.m. \$44.
Jeanne Rimsky Theater at Landmark on Main Street, 232 Main St., Port Washington. (516) 767-6444, or LandmarkOnMainStreet.org.



Blazin' pumpkins

The Great Jack O' Lantern Blaze is back for a third year at Old Bethpage Village Restoration. The Halloween-themed event, which had its start in the Hudson Valley at Van Cortlandt Manor in Croton-on-Hudson, features more than 7,000 illuminated, individually hand-crafted jack o' lanterns displayed throughout the restored village. The pumpkins are carved into elaborate sculptural displays that light up the night, creating a family-friendly experience all ages will enjoy. Visitors stroll the pumpkin trail, past 19th-century buildings, and through historic barns to find themselves immersed in a fall wonderland.

Now through Nov. 6. Tickets must be purchased in advance, none available on-site. Tickets start at \$32 for adults; \$24 ages 3-17. Children 2 and younger are free. Old Bethpage Village Restoration, 1303 Round Swamp Road, Old Bethpage. For tickets and information, visit PumpkinBlaze.org.

THE SCENE



Oct. 28

Linda Eder

The versatile songstress-musical theater star brings her powerful voice to NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Rd., Westbury, for her latest cabaret turn, Friday, **Oct. 28**, 8 p.m. A best-selling recording artist with 14 solo albums to her credit, Eder brings a diverse repertoire spanning Broadway, standards, pop, country, and jazz. When Eder performs live in concert, audiences are awed by the ease of her transitions between genres, effortlessly displaying the full range of her incredible vocal gifts. For information/tickets, visit TheTheatreAtWestbury.com or LiveNation.com or call (516) 247-5200.

Author talk

Meet journalist Joe Calderone, author of "Don't Look Back," a thriller that takes readers into the hearts and minds of a FDNY family who lost their son during 9/11, and set out on a mission to find out what really happened to him and the other 342 firefighters who perished, Wednesday, **Oct. 26**, 6-9 p.m. Hosted by Tony Cancellieri and Mike Sapralcone, at the Coral House, 70 Milburn Ave., Baldwin. For information, call (516) 672-3205.



Deep Roots Farmers Market

Head to 100 Garvies Point Rd., in Glen Cove, to shop at Deep Roots Farmers Market, every Saturday until Nov. 19, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine. Choose from locally grown vegetables, eggs, meats, fresh baked breads, artisanal cheeses, craft goods and more, as well as live music.

Oct. 29

Funky tunes

Get in the groove with the Dave Diamond Funk Experience, Saturday, **Oct. 26**, 8 p.m., at Sill Partners, 225 Sea Cliff Ave. Enjoy a mix of rootsy Americana and funk and classic rock. For information, contact (516) 200-9229.

Nov. 5

Be A Good Neighbor

The Love Your Neighbor Project hosts Be A Good Neighbor: The Listening Project, a free social experiment, Saturday, **Nov. 5**, 1-4 p.m., at Saint Luke's Parish & Community Hall, 253 Glen Ave., in Sea Cliff. Attendees will learn to listen and communicate more effectively, and see people through their lenses to better understand the diverse thoughts and varied beliefs that create a vibrant community. Registration is limited; those interested must register before Nov. 1 at lmph.org/tlp.

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Art talk

Join Nassau County Museum Director Charles A.

Riley II, PhD, for a Director's Seminar, Tuesday, **Nov. 1**, 4 p.m. He'll discuss "The Persistence of Surrealism," which highlights the drama and poetry of the Surrealist movement, along with masterworks of painting and sculpture. Participation is limited; registration required. Nassau County Museum of Art, 1 Museum Dr., Roslyn Harbor. (516) 484-9337 or NassauMuseum.org.

Harvest Festival and Food Drive

Celebrate fall at the Bayville Free Library's Harvest Festival and Food Drive for L.I. Cares, Saturday, Oct. 22, 10 a.m. to noon, 34 School St., Bayville. Enjoy music by Willie Steel and Jim Uhl, balloon twisting, pumpkin painting, fall craft stations, and a goat visit. Bring canned food to donate to the L.I. Cares/Harry Chapin Food Bank. Registration is required, and can be found at BayvilleFreeLibrary.org.



Michael Oren

Former Israeli Ambassador to the United States Michael Oren visits Congregation L'Dor V'Dor, Sunday, **Oct. 23**, 11 a.m., at 11 Temple Lane, Oyster Bay. He'll join former Rep. Steve Israel, the owner of Theodore's Books, to discuss his latest novel, "Swann's War," a literary fiction whodunit set in New England during World War II. In order to attend the event, people must purchase a copy of the book from Theodore's Books in advance. One purchase provides admittance for two people.

Donations requested

The Glen Cove Public Library, is accepting donations of new pajamas and winter wear for children from birth to age 12 throughout October. Donations can be dropped off in the Children Room, 4 Glen Cove Ave. For questions call the library at (516) 676-2130.

Spooky Scavenger Hunt

Kids will enjoy the season with some spooky fun, Friday, **Oct. 21**, 5:30-7 p.m., at Locust Valley Library, 170 Buckram Rd. For grades 2 to 5, all are encouraged to wear costumes and bring a flashlight to experience the library in eerie darkness. For information, visit LocustValleyLibrary.org.

Pinkalicious

Bring the family to see the popular musical based Victoria and Elizabeth Kann's beloved book about the girl who can't stop eating pink cupcakes, presented by Plaza Theatrical Productions, Saturday, **Oct. 29**, 11 a.m. Her pink indulgence lands her at the doctor's office with Pinkitis, an affliction that turns her pink from head to toe. \$15. The Show Place at the Bellmore Movies, 222 Pettit Ave., Bellmore. For tickets and information, call (516) 599-6870 or PlazaTheatrical.com.



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Symposium

Planting Fields Arboretum commemorates the bicentennial of the birth of Frederick Law Olmsted Sr., father of American Landscape Architecture, Thursday and Friday, **Oct. 20-21**, with a special symposium. It brings together experts in the fields of landscape architecture history and practice. For more information, visit PlantingFields.org.

Lecture program

Author Michael Patrick Cullinane discusses "Theodore Roosevelt and the Tennis Cabinet" Thursday, **Oct. 27**, 7 p.m., hosted by The Friends of Sagamore Hill in honor of Theodore Roosevelt's birthday. It's at Christ Church Parish Hall, 65 East Main St. Oyster Bay. Learn why Roosevelt looms so large in the American consciousness and why his administration was successful. Sparkling wine, non-alcoholic beverages, Roosevelt-themed culinary treats and birthday cake are served at the free event. For information, contact, (516) 997-5346.

Having an event?

Items on The Scene page are listed free of charge. The Herald welcomes listings of upcoming events, community meetings and items of public interest. All submissions should include date, time and location of the event, cost, and a contact name and phone number. Submissions can be emailed to thescene@liherald.com.

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Webinar series explores health, wealth, self

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“Are you going deaf?”

As annoying as they might be, those four words could very well be signs of hearing loss. And it's not a bad idea to get it checked out.

Protecting your hearing is exactly what those who tuned in to the recent AARP Long Island webinar series found out, thanks to the expertise of Dr. Lawrence Cardano and Dr. Esther Fogel.

“Out of all the health problems known to the United States, hearing loss is the third-most common health problem amongst adults,” Fogel told those attending the recent webinar from Herald Inside LI. That makes hearing loss “even more common than diabetes or some other health problems.”

Nearly 30 percent of adults older than 65 have some degree of hearing loss, the audiologist said, and as many as half of adults older than 75 have hearing loss to some degree.

The free webinar was part of the October series “Health+Wealth+Self,” which concludes Thursday, Oct. 20 with a focus on protecting older Americans from cyber-crime.

Sponsored by AARP Long Island, Bernard Macias — its associate state director — stressed the importance of AARP empowering people older than 50.

“We strengthen communities,” Macias



Courtesy Herald Inside LI

DRS. LAWRENCE CARDANO and Esther Fogel from Comprehensive Audiology in Lynbrook, joined Herald Inside LI recently for October's “Health+Wealth+Self” webinar series with Bernard Macias, the associate state director for AARP Long Island, and Michael Hinman, executive editor of Herald Community Newspapers.

said. “We advocate for what matters most, with a special focus on health, security, financial stability and personal fulfillment. So, if you're going to remember anything about AARP, remember we're all about health, wealth and self.”

Fogel is from Comprehensive Audiology in Lynbrook, while Cardano sees patients at the Hearing Center of Long Island in Valley Stream. Both say getting

your hearing checked out can improve your quality of life. And there are signs anyone can look for when it comes to hearing loss. Like if people around you seem like they're mumbling, or you find yourself asking people to repeat themselves.

Other signs include struggling to understand people talking in noisy locations, missing words or phrases on the telephone, or even hearing ringing, buzzing,

hissing sounds in your ears.

“There are a lot of things that can contribute to hearing loss and put you more at risk for hearing loss,” Cardano said. “Anything that affects your health, overall, can affect your hearing.”

Common risks, Cardano mentioned, include high blood pressure, obesity, inactivity, high cholesterol, smoking and diabetes.

Hearing loss can have even larger implications, the doctors said — like dementia.

“In order for the brain to function properly, it needs to receive all the sensory input from our surroundings,” Fogel said. “So, when we're not hearing all the sounds that we should, the brain is not receiving all the signals that it should be hearing. And that can lead to cognitive decline.”

Don't panic if you think your hearing might be diminishing, however. There are steps you can take to protect your hearing, such as having your hearing tested, limiting your exposure to loud noises, eating healthy, and exercising.

And, if you are diagnosed with hearing loss, Cardano stressed, treat it early.

“All the research is telling us that if you have any hearing loss — even a mild hearing loss — the easiest way to preserve your hearing clarity is to have it treated and have properly fitted and maintained hearing aids,” Cardano said.

Register for the final webinar in the series set for Thursday, Oct. 20 at 6 p.m., by visiting LIHerald.com/self.



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Final stretch of LIRR's \$2.5B 'third track' done

By **JUAN LASSO**
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It's finally completed. The Long Island Rail Road line connecting New York City with Nassau County's governmental seat and other points east now has a third track. And that could mean not only more trains along a nearly 10-stretch between Floral Park and Hicksville, but added benefits to neighboring lines and traffic.

The Third Track Project, completed Oct. 3, is the latest addition to the LIRR's rail network, giving the Metropolitan Transportation Authority the ability to carry more trains on the track, as well as better flexibility moving trains in both directions during peak hours.

For commuters, this could mean fewer service disruptions and delays along the busy line that connects to Ronkonkoma, Huntington, Port Jefferson, Hempstead and Oyster Bay, meaning potentially fewer riders on those lines passengers might choose as alternatives. For those choosing to drive, it eliminates grade-crossing at seven different intersections, meaning fewer delays whenever trains roll through.

Gov. Kathy Hochul celebrated the completion of the third rail alongside MTA executives at a garage next to the LIRR's Westbury station.

"The completion of the historic third track project connects commuters with a more resilient and flexible railroad with frequent service, modern stations, ADA

accessibility, and more travel opportunities for Long Islanders and visitors," said Hochul of the \$2.5 billion construction project that finished \$100 million under budget.

The project kicked off in 2019 after decades of battles over how such a track would be constructed. Many living around the affected areas — along with the local officials who represented them — bristled at the idea of having the new set of rails potentially cut through private property.

The current design began in 2016 under the backing of Hochul's predecessor, Andrew Cuomo. This time, the plan didn't involve taking residential property while adding other infrastructural perks including landscape improvement, retaining walls, parking garages, improvements to rail bridges, and the removal of eight street-level grade crossings.

The plan also refurbished stations in Mineola, New Hyde Park, Carle Place, Merillon Avenue and Westbury.

The project was carried out in three phases with the first leg of track through New Hyde Park and Merillon Avenue finishing last August. The second stretch of track to Mineola completed weeks later, with the last section crossing the finish line at Hicksville.

There is still, however, minor station work left to complete.

Catherine Rinaldi, LIRR's interim president, says the rail system expansion couldn't come at a better time as the new



Courtesy Marc A. Hermann/MTA

GOV. KATHY HOCHUL joined Metropolitan Transportation Authority chief executive Janno Lieber to announce the completion of the Long Island Rail Road's 9.8-mile piece of track stretching from Floral Park to Hicksville that is expected to allow more trains, and ease congestion.

Manhattan East Side terminal Grand Central Madison — a heavyweight project in itself — comes into operation in the coming weeks.

"When combined with the new terminal at Grand Central Madison and the newly renovated LIRR concourse at Penn Station, LIRR customers will have more frequent service, upgraded stations with a host of modern amenities, and easier reverse peak trips," Rinaldi said.

The third track's ability will allow the two-way flow of trains on the mainline during the railroad's busiest hours.

This, MTA chief executive Janno Lieber said, will be "a huge boon for Long Island businesses, since it will increase access to the region's talent pool by enabling not only a 40 percent overall increase in LIRR service, but a huge uptick in reverse peak train frequency.

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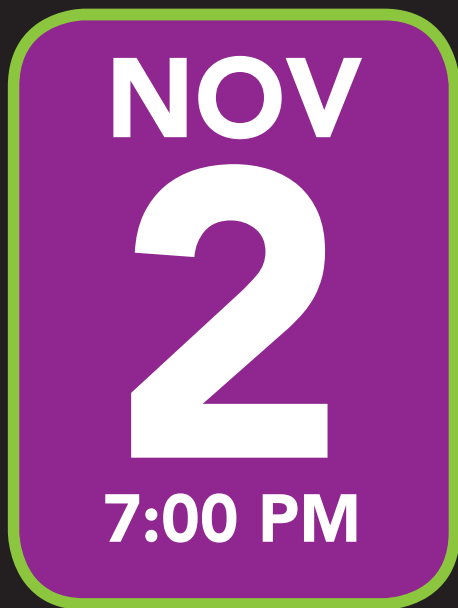
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Each proposal must be submitted on the forms provided in the bid package, in a sealed envelope with the name of the bidder, the bid name, and number marked clearly on the outside of the envelope.

Yelena Quiles
Purchasing Agent
City of Glen Cove
October 14, 2022
134843

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING OF THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF GLEN COVE, IN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, NEW YORK, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Glen Cove, in the County of Nassau, New York, adopted on October 12, 2022, a Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of said District will be held on Tuesday, December 6, 2022 from 6:00 o'clock A.M. to 9:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) at the following places: School Election Districts Location of Polling Place

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Connolly School, Ridge Drive - Back Gym, for the purpose of voting upon the following Bond Proposition:
BOND PROPOSITION
SHALL THE BOND RESOLUTION OF THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF GLEN COVE ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ON OCTOBER 12, 2022, ENTITLED: "BOND RESOLUTION OF THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF GLEN COVE, NEW YORK, ADOPTED OCTOBER 12, 2022, AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF ALTERATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO DISTRICT BUILDINGS AND SITES AT THE ESTIMATED TOTAL COST OF NOT TO EXCEED \$30,552,621; APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$30,552,621 SERIAL BONDS OF THE DISTRICT TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION," BE APPROVED?

Such Bond Proposition shall appear on the ballots to be used for voting at said Special District Meeting to be held on Tuesday, December 6, 2022 in substantially the foregoing form. The voting at said Special District Meeting to be held on Tuesday, December 6, 2022 will be conducted by ballot as provided in the Education Law and the polls will remain open from 6:00 o'clock A.M. to 9:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) and as much longer as may be necessary to enable the voters then present to cast their ballots.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the qualified voters of the District may register for the Special District Meeting to be held on Tuesday, December 6, 2022 on any school day between the hours of 9:00 o'clock A.M. and 2:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) in the main office of each of the school buildings of the District and in the office of the District Clerk in the Administration Building during the school year. The final date to register for the Special District Meeting to be held on Tuesday, December 6, 2022 is Tuesday, November 22, 2022 from 9:00 o'clock A.M. and 7:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) (personal registration day). If a voter has heretofore registered pursuant to the resolution of the Board of Education, and has voted at any Annual School District Election and Budget Vote or special district meetings within

the last four (4) years or if he or she is eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law, he or she is also eligible to vote at this Special District Meeting. All other persons who wish to vote must register. Any person will be entitled to have his or her name placed on such register, provided that he or she is known or proven to the satisfaction of the District Clerk, and the Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at such Special District Meeting for which the register is prepared and that the register is prepared pursuant to Education Law and the registration list prepared by the Board of Elections of Nassau County will be filed in the Office of the District Clerk of the Glen Cove School District, in the District's Administration Building Office, 154 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove, New York, and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District between the hours of 9:00 o'clock A.M. and 3:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time), on and after Tuesday, November 22, 2022, and each of the days prior to the date set for the Special District Meeting, except Saturday and Sunday, including the day set for the Special District Meeting. Any person otherwise qualified to vote who is not currently registered under permanent personal registration in the District by the last date found on the original or duplicate registers, or records, or list furnished by the Nassau County Boards of Elections, and has not voted at an intervening election, must, in order to be entitled to vote, present himself or herself personally for registration or otherwise register with the Nassau County Board of Elections.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots for the Special District Meeting may be applied for at the Office of the District Clerk at the Administration Building, 154 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove, New York, between the hours of 9:00 o'clock A.M. and 4:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) on any school day. Applications for absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no earlier than thirty (30) days before the election. However, such application must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the Special District Meeting if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the Special District Meeting if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Upon receiving a timely request for a mailed absentee ballot, the District Clerk will mail

the ballot to the address set forth in the application by no later than six (6) days before the vote. No absentee voter's ballot shall be canvassed unless it is received in the office of the District Clerk of the said School District no later than 5:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) on the date of the Special District Meeting. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available during regular office hours in the Office of the District Clerk on each of the five (5) days prior to the day of the Special District Meeting. AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that military voters who are not currently registered may apply to register as a qualified voter of the District. Military voters who are qualified voters of the District may submit an application for a military ballot. Military voters may designate a preference to receive a military voter registration, military ballot application or military ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail in their request for such registration, ballot application or ballot. Military voter registration forms and military ballot application forms must be received in the Office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) on November 21, 2022. No military ballot will be canvassed unless it is (1) received in the Office of the District Clerk before the close of the polls on day of the Special District Meeting and showing a cancellation mark of the United States postal service or a foreign country's postal service, or showing a dated endorsement of receipt by another agency of the United States government; or (2) received by the Office of the District Clerk by no later than 5:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) on day of the Special District Meeting and signed and dated by the military voter and one witness thereto, with a date which is associated to be no later than the day before the day of the Special District Meeting. Information regarding the election districts are set forth on the District's website www.glencoveschools.org. A person shall be entitled to vote at said Special District Meeting only if such person is a qualified voter. BY THE ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
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Teresa Scaturro
Interim District Clerk
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MORGAN PARK BEACH, one of Glen Cove's three beaches, is a top destination for visitors and residents. Every summer, events from scholarship award ceremonies to dance festivals are held at the park, highlighting the city's multifaceted identity.

Money.com notes Glen Cove's livability

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percent.

"Glen Cove has just about everything you'd want in a home base: beaches, parks and a walkable downtown with tons of restaurants and shopping. There's also easy access to the best of Long Island's North Shore, as well as the heart of New York City," Money wrote about Glen Cove.

In a Facebook survey by the Herald that asked for the local perspective on Money's rating, the response was divided. Residents and businesses like Noble Savage Brewing Company disagreed with Money's insight into the city's business and economic ratings.

"Glen Cove is a terrible place to own and operate a business," Noble Savage said. "High commercial taxes, no downtown foot traffic at all, and completely mismanaged by half-hearted bureaucrats."

Other business owners like Patrica Holman share the sentiment expressed by the finance website's report.

"Part of what makes Glen Cove stand out is its diversity, which is reflected in the variety of restaurants downtown that range from Italian to Peruvian, Indian to Japanese," said Holman, Executive Director of the Glen Cove Downtown Business Improvement District. "New stores, cafes and fitness studios continue to open, new people are moving in, and our downtown is becoming more vibrant. All of this is walkable from most parts of Glen Cove."

She added, "Glen Cove has a lot to offer, and it's great to see our small city being recognized on a national level."

Money credits the city's 10 miles of shoreline, which is easily accessible to most residents of Glen Cove as part of their rating. "There's a marina, multiple yacht clubs and options for boat charters

to paddle boarding, sailing and kayaking hotspots." Money wrote. The finance website added that visitors and residents can also enjoy Garvies Point Preserve, which has 62 acres of forest, wetlands, and Long Island Sound shoreline along with walking trails, bird, and butterfly gardens and even a museum with archaeological exhibits.

Money also touted Glen Cove's recent development over the last decade. Hundreds of new apartments have appeared around Glen Cove near the revitalized waterfront. Some of the recent development on Garvies Point by RXR is included as some of those apartments as well.

Money said the increased number of retail shops, boat slips and an amphitheater contribute to the city's identity, as well as construction on a new affordable housing development in town last summer.

Koorosh Leibowitz, a 25-year-old Glen Cove resident, described the city an awesome place to grow up and live, but feels the city isn't living up to its potential to be far more attractive to residents and visitors.

"Urban renewal only started killing this city," Leibowitz said. "Glen Cove has zero-night life, and barely any attractive businesses aside from the restaurants." Leibowitz said if he wants to go out locally, he goes to Sea Cliff., and if he feels like driving around in his car, he will go to Huntington, which he described as a good example of how a successful downtown and main street should look like. "Instead, Glen Cove just has a bunch of RXR apartments charging New York City rent, and we call that development."

Leibowitz said he has spoken to older residents who reminisce about days when Glen Cove had three theatres with live music and comedy events.

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We bumped a meteor off course, so is the danger over?

One of the most popular movies about the apocalyptic notion of a giant meteor striking Earth and destroying civilization was “Deep Impact,” a 1998 disaster film in which a high school student and a scientist discover that a huge rock from outer space is headed right toward our world.

A space crew is sent to destroy it with nuclear weapons, but succeeds only in blasting it in half, and winds up sacrificing their lives to destroy the larger half with their remaining bombs, saving Earth and its inhabitants.



**JAMES
BERNSTEIN**

In the real world, of course, nothing so dramatic has ever happened. But on Sept. 26, NASA successfully gave an asteroid a punch in the nose, knocking it off course. The asteroid posed no threat to Earth. NASA just wanted to test its capability to send an unmanned spacecraft, in a mission called DART, for Double Asteroid Redirection Test, to

make contact with a rock in space and set it off course.

Just in case the real thing ever happens, and we are faced with the possibility of extinction from beyond.

The asteroid Dimorphos was about 7 million miles from Earth. DART was launched last November, tasked with flying out to the asteroid, which has a diameter of about 560 feet, and crashing into it at about 14,000 miles per hour. The purpose of the test was to see if DART’s impact could push Dimorphos a bit off its orbit.

It worked. The test succeeded beyond NASA’s expectations.

“For the first time ever, humanity has changed the orbit of a planetary body,” Lori Glaze, director of NASA’s Planetary Science Division, said in a statement after the test.

NASA administrator Bill Nelson added, “This mission shows that NASA is trying to be ready for whatever the universe throws at us. “NASA has proven we are serious as a defender of the planet.”

And there is no question the planet

needs defense. In December 2019, Congress established the U.S. Space Force, the newest branch of the armed forces in 73 years. The members of Congress believed the defense of space was a national security imperative, not only because of the

possibility of hostile missile attacks, but also the chances of the planet being struck by a massive space boulder.

We now have the capability to see deeper into space than ever before, with the launch in 2021 of the James Webb Space Telescope, which conducts infrared astronomy. The Webb is the largest optical telescope in space, and its high resolution and sensitivity give it the ability to see objects too

old, distant or faint to be detected by the older Hubble Space Telescope, which was launched in 1990.

While NASA is to be congratulated for its success with DART, we here on Earth should not become complacent that all such dangers from space objects can be handled so easily. No one is talking about Armageddon from space, and the notion of a manned space vehicle smashing into

a meteor remains the stuff of Hollywood. But some experts are cautiously hopeful that NASA and the Space Force continue to seek ways of looking out for dangerous objects out there. The sooner they are seen, the better our chances of destroying them.

“We do now track a majority of the larger ones,” said Andy Parton, president of the Cradle of Aviation Museum in Garden City. “We have the capability of using bigger space vehicles than DART” to do battle with meteors. “But we must also remember this was a small test, and just a test at that.”

No one should forget the 66-foot Chelyabinsk meteor that exploded in the atmosphere over the southern Ural region of Russia in 2013, causing a bright flash and a hot cloud of dust and gas. The meteor entered Earth’s atmosphere undetected because its radiant, or source direction, was close to the sun. The blast caused extensive ground damage, and about 1,000 people sought medical attention.

As Parton said, “Somebody should always be watching.”

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America’s mayhem is playing on the world stage

‘The whole world is watching. The whole world is watching.”

If you know American history, or you remember it, “The whole world is watching!” is the unforgettable chant shouted by thousands of young Vietnam War protesters as they were tear-gassed and beaten with clubs by the Chicago police during the 1968 Democratic National Convention that August.



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A quick recount: The stodgy Vice President Hubert Humphrey was about to be named the Democrats’ presidential candidate, to run against Republican Richard Nixon.

The background: President John F. Kennedy had been assassinated five years earlier. His younger brother, Bobby, running against Humphrey for the Democratic nomination, had been assassinated two months before the Chicago convention. The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. had been assassinated in April, four months earlier.

I was 21, and I remember the despair of losing the leaders who inspired us to find our best selves. They championed civil rights, opposed the Vietnam War, and then they were gone. Shot and killed.

The weekend before the convention, some 2,000 young people gathered in Chicago’s Grant Park to protest. By the time the convention began, the crowd had swelled to 10,000. The police came to break up the protest, and they were brutal.

The fallout: According to the Guardian newspaper, “After four days and nights of violence, 668 people had been arrested, 425 demonstrators were treated at temporary medical facilities, 200 were treated on the spot, 400 given first aid for tear gas exposure and 110 went to hospital. A total of 192 police officers were injured ...

“... Images of police firing teargas and beating demonstrators with their nightsticks played on network television news. It looked like an oppressive fascist state and offered a view of a nation apparently tearing itself apart.”

The kids never stopped shouting, “The whole world is watching,” even as police tore into them. It has been said that the extensive media coverage of the violence, beamed into American homes, helped propel a reckoning over the savage police overreaction. It seems that reckoning is still playing out in our politics and in our communities, 54 years later.

In the ‘68 presidential election, Nixon appealed to a “silent majority.” He prom-

ised a nation of voters freaked out by the demonstrations that he would impose law and order. He won. Six years later, about to be impeached, he resigned in disgrace. The North Vietnamese had driven America out of their country.

The echoes: Last week, as I watched the Jan. 6 committee hearing, I thought about how vital the media has been in investigating and reporting the alleged crimes committed by our 45th president and his enablers.

Without an intense commitment by reporters at the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, we would not know what happened that day. This time the protesters carried the weapons, and erected a portable gallows. This time the

protesters wanted to overthrow a righteous election. These American citizens storming the Capitol were attacking the police.

The videos taken inside the Capitol’s hiding place during the insurrection reveal the chaos and the fright of the moment, with legally elected members of Congress fearing for their lives not far from a crowd gone berserk. As we go to press, we hear promises of further violence from Trump supporters who refuse to accept the peaceful transfer of power, the holy grail of our democracy. Various groups threaten ongoing disorder if the

Department of Justice and Congress try to hold Trump accountable for alleged crimes.

The lines connecting 1968 and 2022 are unsettling. For me, the connection is my gut. It feels all wrong all over again. Kids were on the march then, demanding peace. Extremists today are threatening war. We lived then, and we live now, in a time of civil unrest.

After ‘68, we edged into a relatively calmer passage of political life. But then along came Trump, who found common ground with a segment of angry and violent Americans. The new twist in the MAGA community, and from Trump himself, is the increasingly overt racism and antisemitism. What was never OK to say is slowly becoming OK in certain radical groups. The swastika and the Nazi salute are useful again, on the fringe.

In 1968 we were deeply hurt and disillusioned by the successive assassinations of our leaders. We dreamt of peace and equality. As young idealists, we couldn’t bear that this was how our dreams would die.

Today, the dynamic is more toxic. The protesters are the ones with weapons. Their dream is absolute power. Their leader has debased the office of the presidency and he just won’t go.

We are suspended in time, and the whole world is watching.

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Thank a crossing guard near you

They work outside in rain, sleet and snow, keeping our most precious commodity — our children — safe. School crossing guards are unsung heroes. Underappreciated — and sometimes ignored by motorists — they put their lives on the line every day. And they are at constant risk of injury or even death caused by drivers who disregard them.

How does a crossing guard get hit? Maybe someone is late getting somewhere. Or they have others in the car distracting them. Or maybe they're simply impatient. The reasons matter little when the outcome is devastating.

Most people would say they've never heard of a crossing guard getting hurt on the job. But that's what happened two weeks ago in Glen Cove, when a guard, attempting to stop traffic to allow children to cross a street near an elementary school, was hit by an SUV.

He remains in critical condition. And he's not alone.

It's difficult to find statistics on how many crossing guards are injured on the job each year, because most data focuses more on the children and pedestrians they protect. But one of the most common causes of injury, according to the New York State School Boards Association, is being hit by vehicles' side mirrors. And those can be significant injuries.

Crossing guards have been killed — even on Long Island. One in Hempstead died in 2016 when he was hit by a truck.

And there were two separate incidents in California last year when crossing guards were struck by SUVs and died.

A child was hit, too, in one of the California tragedies, but survived. In the other, the crossing guard pushed a group of children away from the pathway of an oncoming vehicle.

In February, a crossing guard in Maryland was struck by an SUV and killed after pushing a child out of the way.

All of these guards were nothing less than heroes. But why does this even happen? Are people on their cellphones, talking or texting? Are they changing the channel on their car radio? Arguing with another passenger? How are they so distracted that they fail to see a human being wearing reflective clothing in the middle of the street with an arm outstretched, directing them to stop?

It remains unclear why the 82-year-old Bayville driver hit the Glen Cove crossing guard on Oct. 6. He remained at the scene after the accident, and he had yet to be charged criminally this week, as police continued to investigate.

It isn't hard to become a crossing guard. In Nassau County, anyone who's at least 18 and doesn't have a criminal record can apply. No experience is required. But as one police officer said, a crossing guard needs to be someone who likes children.

A city police department, like Glen Cove, handles the hiring. In the villages, it's the purview of the Nassau County

Police Department.

In some parts of the country, school crossing guards receive health insurance, but not in Nassau County. Their working schedule is 90 minutes in the morning and again in the afternoon, when children are on their way to, and then dismissed from, school. The unusual hours set this job apart from typical part-time work, and it's hard to hold down another job at the same time.

Police say that while many guards are retirees, college students also take on the work. They take the job seriously, no matter their background.

Crossing guards obviously are important — our schoolchildren need to be kept safe — and there is a shortage. Where they are needed but not available, police officers, or members of the auxiliary police, take their place.

Guards do more than help children safely cross the street. They remind drivers of the presence of pedestrians, and just as important, they help children develop the skills to cross streets safely on their own in the future.

So the next time you see a school crossing guard, give them a wave of gratitude — after you stop, without anger or impatience, reminding yourself that you'll get where you need to go eventually. That extra minute or two can save the lives of not only our children, but also the heroes standing in the middle of the street each weekday morning and afternoon, doing their utmost to keep those kids safe.

LETTERS

Now they're booing Aaron Judge?

To the Editor:

Subject: on booing the Yankees' Aaron Judge after his 62-home-run, MVP season. Yankees (and too many other sports) fans are rude, crude, cruel and ignorant fair-weather friends, booing a player they profess to like, admire, respect and even "love" — as if he strikes out on purpose.

Players don't make errors, drop passes, miss shots or throw interceptions on purpose. Do these same "fans" boo their own Little Leaguers when *they* strike out?

Music lovers don't boo the conductor if he drops his baton; nor do they boo the violinist if she drops her bow.

Grow up, fans, or stay home and boo to your hearts' content in your own living rooms, where the objects of your undeserved anger will not have to hear you.

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OPINIONS

Of course 2024 will be on this year's ballot

In case you haven't heard, there is an election on Nov. 8. Most elections are about the current candidates, who are seeking a variety of offices all over America. This one, however, will be the equivalent of two elections, because its results may determine whether the 2024 election will be the end of democracy as we know it. Some of you may think



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this is overdramatic, but there are good reasons to view this one as a political twofer. Many of us New Yorkers are oblivious to what is taking place all over the country. One sage veteran of the partisan wars once told me that "America begins west of the Hudson River." Nothing could be more accurate. Our local contests for Congress are dominated by such issues as abortion, inflation and crime, with scant mention of stolen elections and threats to the Constitution, even though a few of the Republican candidates are election deniers or members of the Trump cult.

But if you lived in Michigan or Arizona, you would understand why their elec-

tions will decide whether democracy lives or dies in 2024. As of now, there are almost 300 Republican candidates nationwide who maintain that Joe Biden was never legitimately elected president. They believe the lie about the stolen 2020 election, but there is much more happening that we should all worry about.

There are two positions in a state that have the power to throw out a public vote. One is governor, and the other is secretary of state. There are a number of Republicans running for governor who also deny Biden's election. They have publicly stated that if elected they will "fix" the system by taking power away from local election boards. Doug Mastriano, the GOP candidate for governor of Pennsylvania, has pledged flat out that if former President Donald Trump runs again and loses Pennsylvania, Mastriano will reverse the final results.

It is widely accepted that most of the incumbent secretaries of state around the country are independent and fair-minded. Not one of them has challenged the 2020 results, and they have staunchly defended their process from partisan attacks. But sadly, many of them have either retired,

are planning to or have lost their jobs in primary contests, won by the election crazies. If the deniers win in six of the key states, they will have the power to potentially reverse the national election tally two years from now.

Imagine a Sen. Herschel Walker in a chamber where Pat Moynihan once sat.

Another factor that bodes ill for America is the quality of the roster of Republicans running for the U.S. Senate. It is hard to imagine that Georgia's Herschel Walker could be sitting in a body that once boasted the likes of Everett Dirksen, Lyndon Johnson and Pat Moynihan. Can you envision Sen. Mitch McConnell walking over to Senator Walker and saying, "Herschel, how do you feel about nuclear disarmament?"

Walker's race, in which he has his party's full support, is about power, and not about electing qualified candidates.

The platforms of a number of Republicans in key races around the country are scary. Many, such as Mastriano, pledge to restore "Christian values" to governing. He has used veiled antisemitic themes against Josh Shapiro, his opponent. U.S. Rep. Lauren Boebert, a Colorado Republican, states that the church should be running the government. Blake Masters, a

Republican Senate candidate in Arizona, scrubbed his website to remove mentions of a national abortion ban and references to Christian themes.

The use of crime as an issue by Republicans around the country is more than just a statement about criminals. It is a return to the dominant theme of the 1988 presidential election, when the party ran an ad campaign featuring a photo of convicted murderer Willie Horton that helped Vice President George H.W. Bush defeat the Democratic nominee, Michael Dukakis, who was portrayed as soft on crime. And in many Republican campaigns, there are frequent references to billionaire George Soros, a major Democratic contributor, his very name serving as antisemitic code words.

Some political observers say that the tone of the Republican campaigns is just what a normal campaign should be like. But if the candidates who promise to overturn election results win and remake the fabric of our nation, the 2024 election will have been decided two years in advance.

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LETTERS

Vote 'yes' for clean water, clean air and green jobs

To the Editor:

For 20 years, the North Shore Land Alliance has worked to protect nearly 1,300 acres of natural areas. The primary reason we protect land is to safeguard drinking water. Long Island's sole-source aquifer requires pervious surfaces (like fields and forests) for rain and snow to seep through the ground to recharge our drinking water source. But a study by the Rauch Foundation found that nearly 70 percent of Nassau County's surface is impervious (pavement and buildings). We need open space to protect our ground and surface water.

On Nov. 8, New York state voters will have an opportunity to vote on Proposition 1, the Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act. This

historic legislation would protect open space, safeguard clean drinking water, and update our aging water and sewer infrastructure while supporting nearly 100,000 good jobs.

In our community, we have 8,000-plus acres of natural areas left to protect. With passage of the Bond Act, we would have access to critical funding to conserve land in perpetuity and maintain our quality of life. Plus, with the worsening effects of climate change, protecting open spaces, replenishing our aquifers, and restoring bays and harbors is more important than ever.

I hope 2022 will be the year that we truly value our natural resources and take urgently needed action to protect our environment. On Election Day, please flip your ballot and vote "yes" on Prop 1. Let's act now to ensure a healthy future for those who come after us.

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